4-laning of bypass which is in progress.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal to construct an over bridge over G.T. Road or on the bypass. However, flow of traffic in this stretch shall be smooth after completion of four laning works.

[Translation]

Release of Amount

3093. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sought by the Uttar Pradesh Government from the Union Government under the Integrated Child development Scheme;

(b) whether the amount sought has been released; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have not made any specific request for funds from Central Government under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. However, the Central Government have sanctioned and released an amount of Rs. 21.59 crore as first instalments to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during 1997-98 for implementation of ICDS Scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Indo-Bangla Agreement for Sharing of Water

3094. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement was signed between India and Bangladesh for sharing of water of Teesta river in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

B.Ed. Course

3095. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 5763 on May 12, 1997 and state :

(a) whether the B.Ed. Course in some colleges of the referred Universities has been banned;

(b) if so, the college-wise details thereof;

(c) the academic session from which the Correspondence B.Ed. Course is proposed to be started;

(d) whether some colleges have two years B.Ed. Course and some other colleges have one year B.Ed. Course;

(e) if so, the college-wise details of these Universities offering one year and two years B.Ed. Course; and

(f) the reasons for this variation in the duration of the course and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make the B.Ed. course uniform ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In consultation with the University Grants Commission and Indira Gandhi National Open University, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has issued guidelines to universities offering B.Ed. correspondence courses. The universities would be in a position to offer B.Ed. correspondence courses in accordance with these guidelines after obtaining NCTE's appoval.

(d) The NCTE guidelines on B.Ed. correspondence courses provide for a course duration of 2 years only.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

Guest Houses In Andhra Pradesh

3096. SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Andhra Pradesh where Guest House/Travellers Bungalows are controlled by the Government in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to improve them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and